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SUBJECT: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: CURRENCY PURCHASE PROPOSAL

ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR MYERSON, ECOSOC DEL

REFS: (A) STATE 169133 (B) GENEVA 5122 (C) STATE 158389

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1. ON JULY 13, ECON/COMM COUNSELOR CALLED ON KANKA, HEAD, DEPT. FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, MFA, TO EXPLAIN U.S. PROPOSAL AT JUNE 29 MEETING OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL ON PURCHASE OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES AND TO ASK WHETHER GOC PREPARED TO SUPPORT BILATERAL AGREEMENT ALONG LINES OUTLINED REFTELS. LETTER SUMMARIZING THESE POINTS ALSO GIVEN TO KANKA. AFTER READING LETTER AND HEARING ORAL PRESENTATION, KANKA SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH U.S. PROPOSAL AND THAT GOC FINDS IT "NOT ACCEPTABLE". CZECHOSLOVAKIA WANTS TO SUPPORT UNDP, HE SAID, BUT PROBLEM LIES WITH UNDP ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE ENOUGH IN PURSUING WAYS TO USE ITS ACCUMULATED CZECHOSLOVAK CROWNS. KANKA MENTIONED EXPERTS, SEMINARS, GOODS AND PROJECTS AS WAYS CROWNS COULD BE USEFULLY SPENT. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, HE SAID GOC WOULD MAKE "CONCRETE PROPOSALS" TO UNDP OFFICIALS WITHIN TWO MONTHS ON WAYS TO UTILIZE CROWNS. KANKA ESTIMATED UNDP HELD ABOUT HALF-MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF CROWNS AT END OF 19759.

2. E/C COUNSELOR EXPRESSED REGRET THAT GOC REACTION TO U.S. PROPOSAL WAS SO NEGATIVE AND STRESSED USG DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN UNDP. AGAIN, KANKA POLITELY BUT FIRMLY INDICATED THAT THERE IS NO WAY CZECHOSLOVAKS WOULD GO ALONG WITH U.S. PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT: KANKA'S DEFINITIVE REJECTION OF CURRENCY PURCHASE IDEA INDICATES SOVIETS HAVE NOW DECIDED THAT THEY AND THEIR ALLIES WILL OPPOSE THE IDEA.
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